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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box AF Washington, D.C. 20231, U.S.A.

SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2001 and the Advisory Action of April 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 10 and 13 have been amended as follows:

(Twice Amended) A method of generating an HIV-specific cytotoxic T-cell (CTL) response in a host possessing MHC class I HLA A2 molecules, which comprises:

administering to the host a T-helper molecule to prime T-helper cells of the immune system of the host, and

subsequently administering to the host a mixture of said T-helper molecule and a T-cell inducing HIV molecule capable of binding to MHC class I HLA A2 molecules to generate an HIV-specific T-cell response in the host.

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